

MINUTES - DRAFT

In attendance

Board Members:

Ethel Mantzaris, Chair

Larry Barlow Assistant Chair

Joseph Strogoff

Laura Wright

Staff:

Patricia Schneider, Director of Human Services

Katherine Bell, Youth Services Supervisor

Jessica Duers, Office Assistant

Absent:

Norma Posocco

Annastasia Martineau

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm by Ethel Mantzaris

II. Introductions

III. Approval of minutes: January 14, 2020

- Minutes approved 12:06 pm

IV. Reports

Human Services Report – Patricia Schneider, Human Services Director

- Patricia Schneider reported the agency grants are currently in process. SERAC did not submit an application this year so there is not a youth-focused agency that Youth Services Advisory Board would have to vote for approval this year.
- The Town Manager's budget presentation is scheduled for March. The Human Services budget will be heard on April 1, 2020.
- Human Services has also been asked to share information with Town Council regarding Transportation, Agency Grants, and Restorative Justice.
- School Resource Officers (SRO's) assigned to E.O. Smith have been new this year. Discussion of the process by which the school employs this type of officer, under whose leadership/ jurisdiction the SRO officer falls, and public opinion for such a hire discussed. This has led to discussion from Town Council regarding models of restorative justice.

- Recent upgrades and reorganization of furniture and storage has created additional meeting spaces for the Human Services Department including an additional flexible meeting space at Town Hall, in the facilities management office and a new multipurpose room in the Human Services office located at the Senior Center.
- Human Services Outreach Social Worker has resigned. Department is in discussion with HR regarding the position.

Youth Services Report – Katherine Bell, Youth Services Supervisor

- Youth Services has two bachelors' level interns starting for the semester to help support programs and community events.
- Review of ongoing Youth Services programs.
- Youth Services was approved for \$4000 of funding from SERAC for opioid prevention that will support National Drug Take Back Day, two NARCAN/QPR (Question Persuade Refer) for suicide prevention trainings, and a Hidden in Plain Sight parent/adult training with medication lock box distribution.
- Youth Services received a donation from the Mansfield After School Program who has dissolved this year and has made charitable donations to various local agencies and departments serving youth and family in the Mansfield community.
- The Connecticut Youth Services Association is hosting free restorative justice trainings open to Youth Service Bureaus and their stakeholders. Registration information shared with the board. Closest training conflicts with scheduled April meeting of the Youth Services Advisory Board – board members and staff were in agreement to cancel April's meeting and interested persons would be able to attend these trainings.
- Equity trainings discussed and available free of charge as part of the town's association with the Sustainable Connecticut. These training sessions provide background on diversity, equity, and inclusion; they will demonstrate how to apply anti-racism strategies to municipal operations.

V. Old Business

- No old business discussed

VI. New Business

VII. Other

- The April 14, 2020 meeting is cancelled and the next meeting will be May 12, 2020.

VIII. Opportunity for Public Comment

- None present

IX. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 12:41 pm

Next meeting: March 10, 2020 at 12 pm